

suggestions on which cities to apply, concentrating on cities with large a large Hispanic population. During the later part of my involvement as a Director, from roughly 1987 through 1990, I spoke with Mrs. Duff by telephone on occasion. If a meeting of the Board had been called that I could not attend because of illness, Mrs. Duff was very good about calling me up to tell me beforehand what the meeting would discuss, and then follow up with a telephone report of what happened at the meeting. I do not recall speaking with Dr. Crouch at all about corporate business during my years as a Director except at a meeting. I spoke with Mrs. Duff not only because she was the person acting as the executive or administrator for the corporation, but Jane was more accessible and available. I also thought that if the corporation was to be owned by minorities we should discuss corporate issues with each other.

22. The last meeting of the NMTV Board that I attended was a meeting with Mrs. Duff held at a restaurant in Orange County in April, 1990. My recollection of the meeting is extremely vague, however, because I was very uncomfortable meeting with an attractive woman like Mrs. Duff alone. My wife and I had been on a local television program for 10 years and I was often recognized in public places. My wife was also known because of her TV appearances. After the recent scandals with Rev. Swaggart and Rev. Bakker, I did not want to give scandal to my church. I did mention to Mrs. Duff that the demands made on me by my church were getting heavier, and my father's health and strength declining. I told her that it was likely that I was going to resign from the Board in the

near future.

23. In July of 1990 I wrote a letter to Dr. Crouch resigning from the NMTV Board, which is attached in Tab A. My father's age was becoming more apparent, and his involvement in my church had declined in the last two years or so, and more and more of the responsibilities of the church were being laid on my shoulders. I felt that I could no longer give NMTV enough of my time and attention. Around the same time I also resigned from the Missions Board of the Assemblies of God for the same reason. The fact that corporate meetings of NMTV required me to devote a full day to them because of the two hour drive down and back also weighed in my decision.

24. My letter of resignation needs some explanation. In that letter I resigned from the NMTV Board, as noted in the third to the last paragraph. The letter represented more than that, however. In this letter I was severing my last remaining tie with the Trinity Broadcasting Network, an association which then was 14 years old. I began as a programmer. and once a week, for over ten years, my name and my church had been associated with TBN because of the program broadcast on the network. I had gotten to know many of the people at TBN as a programmer, and formed friendships and associations that blessed me spiritually and personally. Finally severing that connection was an emotional moment, and I thought of resigning from the NMTV Board as severing my last connection with those associations. That is why I referred in a paragraph of the letter, as being on the "TBN board of directors." I had, of

course, never been on the TBN board, but emotionally I was severing my ties to TBN as well, so I erroneously referred to membership on the TBN Board. It would have been more accurate, and consistent with my feelings at the time, if I had referred to my resignation as ending my association or connection with TBN. I also sent a personal note to Mrs. Duff, attached in Tab B, referring to her association with TBN. Again, I got to know Mrs. Duff primarily through my association with Trinity as a programmer, and met her roughly once a month for over 10 years in that capacity. In saying goodbye, the association with Trinity as a programmer was the longest of my associations with Mrs. Duff, and it seemed natural to refer to it. I knew, of course, which corporation's board on which I served, and knew that NMTV and TBN were different companies. Not only were they different in ownership, in that minorities, represented by Mrs. Duff and I, owned NMTV, but also that our goals included not only preaching the gospel, but in making special efforts to reach out to minorities and to provide minorities with opportunities in broadcasting. I, for one, hoped to broadcast Spanish language programming on our stations when we had sufficient financial support.

25. While I certainly felt a special burden to reach out to minorities, that does not mean that NMTV's affiliation to broadcast TBN's programming was not also an important service to minorities. As a Director, I was aware of that affiliation and that NMTV was relying heavily on TBN programming, and I approved of that arrangement. As I have mentioned, I believe that America is a vast

mission field and, with such a large population and influx of Hispanic people, I believe that preaching the gospel and its values to the Hispanic community is very important. TBN programming addresses serious problems in the Hispanic community such as family break-up, teen pregnancy and alcohol and drug abuse. Many Hispanic families are experiencing the problems which I experienced where the second generation is becoming Americanized and responds to English programming, while the parents may prefer programs in Spanish. Thus even though TBN's programming is now all in English, I believe that TBN's programming serves the Hispanic community.

26. I also do not think that NMTV should be judged too harshly because my hopes for Spanish language programs and more Hispanic participation, and NMTV's goal to be a tool to reach the minority community, were not more fully developed when I resigned as a Director. Although the corporation's history dated back to 1980, NMTV did not actually own an operating station until late 1988, only a little more than a year before I realized in early 1990 my need to resign from the Board. At the time I resigned, NMTV's studio in Portland had not even been built. In reality NMTV was then, and still is now, in its infancy. Given a reasonable opportunity to grow and develop, I am confident that NMTV will achieve its worthy purposes.

27. I believed that I fulfilled my responsibilities as a Director of the corporation, and that I was an owner of the corporation as one of its three voting Directors. I fulfilled my duties as a Director by attending meetings of the Board of

Directors when I could and by communicating by telephone as necessary with Mrs. Duff, who was a fellow Director and chief administrator of the corporation. At Board meetings that I attended I received the corporation's financial statements, although I do not now remember any of the details of those statements. I did not then nor do I now believe that my duties as a Director required me to be involved in or knowledgeable about the day-to-day administration of the corporation. I don't know who all of the corporation's attorneys, accountants, or consultants were, who hired them, or how much they were paid. Those duties were performed or supervised by Mrs. Duff, whom I knew and trusted. The distance between my church and Mrs. Duff's office did not lend itself to a lot of personal meetings, and hindered any day-to-day involvement I might have had in the corporation, even had I wanted it. For example, when Translator TV opened its first bank account, I was one of the corporation's signatories. However, experience showed that I could not realistically be expected to sign checks, when I was located so far away from other corporate principals. So, for convenience, and with my full knowledge and consent, my name was taken off the account signature card, and an assistant secretary who was closer to Mrs. Duff was substituted.

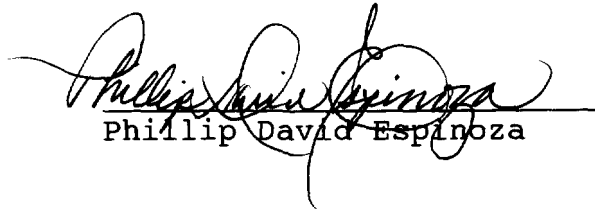
28. I am not and was not a "front" for anyone, nor was I a rubber stamp for anyone. Dr. Crouch knew that well enough when he asked me to become a member of the Board. He and I had had a few disagreements concerning my program, and he told me that I could best serve the corporation by speaking my own mind. I believe that

he meant that. I knew that Dr. Crouch and Mrs. Duff both worked for TBN, but Mrs. Duff was not a "yes" person, and wasn't hesitant about disagreeing with Dr. Crouch. At no time did I ever feel that Mrs. Duff and Dr. Crouch were "ganging up" on me.

**SUPPORTING DECLARATION**

I, Phillip David Espinoza, hereby swear under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the state of California, that the foregoing "Testimony of Phillip David Espinoza," consisting of 19 pages, was prepared by me for submission to the Federal Communications Commission in connection with MM Docket No. 93-75, and that my testimony is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1993.

  
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July 23, 1990

Dr. Paul F. Crouch  
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Dear Paul,

Greetings in the wonderful Name of our Lord Jesus!

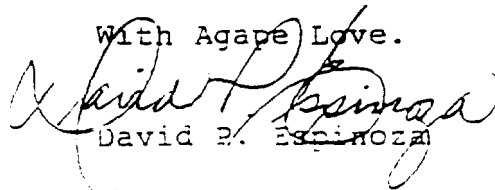
In my thirty four years of ministry, without doubt, one of the highlights of my ministry, has been my association with Trinity Broadcasting Network. Both, as a programer for some ten years, starting in 1976, and several years as a T.B.N. Board of Directors member. It has been both a joy and an honor! I've seen God's Hand bring growth through your anointed leadership. God has blessed your faithfulness, and also your integrity and trustworthiness as a Steward of God's money. God bless you Paul!

However reluctant as I am, because of a tremendous increase in my workload, I'm not able to contribute or have the kind of an input that I feel this position should have. In fairness to you and T.B.N., I need to step aside and allow someone else that can help and contribute far more than the little I've done. I therefore present my resignation as a member of National Minority Television Inc., praying God's continued abundant blessings be upon you and Trinity Broadcasting Network!

Throughout these many years, I've openly supported T.B.N., and encouraged my congregation to pray and financially support T.B.N., and I shall continue to do so!

Please convey my warmest regards to Jan! May the Lord bless you both and all of the T.B.N. family!

With Agape Love.

  
David P. Espinoza

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Dear Jane,

Christian greetings!

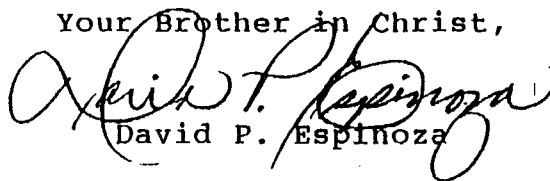
Just a note to say "thank you" for your warm friendship these years I've been associated with T.B.N.!

It's been a real joy and a challenge, especially when I had my Felicidad program! I shall treasure those years, good years.

May the Lord give you grace and wisdom, as you labor along with the T.B.N. leadership. You're doing a great job for the Lord! God richly bless you!

Please convey regards to your husband. I remain,

Your Brother in Christ,

  
David P. Espinoza

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